

MEMORANDUM

TO: Branch Chiefs and Above

FROM: Jesse R. Huff
Director

DATE: January 16, 1996

SUBJECT: Compliance with the Requirements of the California Environmental
Quality Act

Original Signed By:
Jesse R. Huff, Director
January 16, 1996

In response to inquiries from staff and other Department Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) stakeholders, I wish to reaffirm DTSC's commitment to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It remains the policy of DTSC that all programs fully comply with requirements of CEQA and the policy, procedure and guidance documents prepared by the Office of Program Audits and Environmental Analysis (OPAEA). In addition, existing policies and procedures providing for early consultation on CEQA projects with OPAEA, the Office of Legal Counsel, and the Public Participation Branch are to be strictly adhered to.

In order to ensure compliance with CEQA and existing DTSC policies and procedures, I have directed OPAEA to develop a tracking system to monitor the compliance of each Program. I am also directing the Program Deputy Directors to ensure that CEQA and DTSC policies and procedures for developing and processing all CEQA documents are complied with by all staff within their respective organizations.

Please direct any questions regarding this memorandum to Robert P. Hoffman, Chief Counsel at (916) 324-1084.